

## How can I schedule a program?

Programs may be arranged by calling or writing the Milford Nature Center at:

3115 Hatchery Drive  
Junction City, KS 66441  
(913)238-LEAF

### Hints to Remember...

**Schedule** programs at least two weeks in advance; times in the spring should be arranged about a month in advance.

**Please** arrive on time; late arrivals affect other's schedules.

**Only** two activities may be scheduled per group per visit. However, trail hikes may be led by your group leader if you wish to stay a bit longer.

**Picnic** areas and playground equipment are located within minutes of the Nature Center.

**Dress** appropriately for the day's weather conditions. Consider things like ticks, insects, etc. --the naturalists will leave this up to you.

## Programs for All Ages

Nighttime Diners: Kansas Owls  
The Snakes' Tale  
Ecology Encounters (games)  
Thunder in the Sky: Birds of Prey  
Milford Fish Hatchery Tour  
Indoor Scavenger Hunt

### Discovery Boxes

A number of kits are available for educators to check out for use in their classrooms. The boxes involve a variety of hands-on materials, activities, and resource materials. Call for more information. Titles are:

Insects  
KS Symbols  
Trees/Plants  
Wetlands  
Threatened and Endangered  
Wildlife  
Skins and Skulls



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Nature  
Education  
Programs

at

The  
Milford Nature  
Center  
and Fish Hatchery



## Nature Education Programs

Programs take from 30 to 90 minutes to complete, are free of charge, and available to schools, scouts, and other groups. All programs use live animals and/or hands-on materials.

### Pre-K to 1st Grade

#### Have Seeds, Will Travel

(30 min., fall only)

Your class will learn some basics about plants and seeds in this outdoor activity as they test different methods of seed dispersal.

#### Animal Babies

(30 min., spring)

This program combines animal mounts, a video, and live animals to help children understand young animals and how they relate to their parents.

#### Animal Architects

(45 min., any season, max. # 30)

Animals build an amazing variety of homes. Your class will discover that variety and make their own animal homes outdoors.

#### Sensory Hike

(45 min., spring-fall, max. # 25)

This activity will tune your students in to their senses to help them discover the outdoor world.

### Grades 2 to 3

#### Peepers, Leapers, & Creepers

(60 min., any season)

Live animals and various props are used to teach children how to classify animals as reptiles or amphibians.

## Butterflies and Flowers

(45 min., summer-fall, max. # 30)

Many plants are pollinated by butterflies. Children will learn about this important interaction as they catch and observe live butterflies.

#### Habitat Walk

(45 min., spring-fall, max. # 30)

Every animal has a habitat. Children will learn what a habitat is and compare the kinds of life in different habitats on our nature trail.

#### Fill the Bill

(60 min., any season, max. # 30)

This program is for the birds! Children will use hands-on materials to understand the adaptations birds have to aid in their survival.

### Grades 4 to 5

#### Water We Have Here?

(90 min., spring-fall, max. # 30)

Explore the aquatic life found around the Nature Center by collecting animals and using various methods to compare different aquatic habitats.

#### "Whodunit" Walk

(45 min., spring-fall, max. # 30)

Can your students solve the mysterious "Case of the Food Chain Bandit?" Some ill-doer is wreaking havoc on our nature trail! Your students will follow the clues to solve the mystery.

#### Prairie Animals

(45 min., any season)

Live animals and various props will introduce your students to some native Kansans and their favorite habitat.

## The Unhuggables

(45 min., any season)

There are some animals that have few admirers, yet help us in ways we don't always recognize. This live animal program will help children understand a few of them.

### Grades 6 and up

#### Kansas Vertebrates

(60 min., any season)

Live animals will be used to introduce the concepts of animal classification and adaptation.

#### Jurassic Rocks

(45 min., any season)

Children will have a chance to get their hands on some Kansas fossils and learn what our state would have been like millions of years ago.

#### Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

(45 min., spring-fall, max. # 30)

Children will use their observational skills to find a variety of natural items on our trail.

#### Team Challenge

(45 min., any season, max. # 25)

Your class will learn teamwork as they try to solve a series of puzzles. Dress in comfortable exercise clothes for this outdoor activity.

Is your group studying a topic not covered by the programs in this brochure?

We can develop programs on other topics upon request.

Call for more information.